

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak, Commissioner Montgomery and Commissioner Huebsch.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, May 21, 2015.

4220-CG-140 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Reinforce Natural Gas Facilities in the Cities of Eau Claire and Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6650-CG-249 – Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Provide Natural Gas Service in the Village of Ridgeland, Dunn County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5-BS-205 – Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and the City of Menasha, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Transfer Two Customers from Wisconsin Electric Power Company to the City of Menasha, Located in the City of Menasha, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

480-WR-102 – Application of Berlin Municipal Water and Sewer Utility, Green Lake and Waushara Counties, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1400-WR-101 – Application of Crandon Water and Sewer Utility, Forest County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1670-WR-102 – Application of Dousman Water Utility, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1980-TE-100 – Application of Fennimore Water and Light Plant, Grant County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1980-TW-100 – Application of Fennimore Water and Light Plant, Grant County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5-CE-142 – Joint Application of American Transmission Company LLC and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as Electric Public Utilities, for Authority to Construct and Operate a New Badger-Coulee 345 kV Transmission Line from the La Crosse Area, in La Crosse County, to the Greater Madison Area in Dane County, Wisconsin

Petitions for Rehearing and Request for Clarification

The Commission denied the petition for rehearing filed on behalf of Citizens Energy Task Force, Inc., and Save Our Unique Lands of Wisconsin, Inc.

The Commission also denied the petition for rehearing filed on behalf of the Segment A Landowners.

The Commission granted the request for clarification filed on behalf of Laura Kunze regarding modification of the Final Decision in this matter to include certain conditions agreed upon by the applicants and Commission staff in regard to her property.

The Commission determined that it would take this matter up under the Commission's own motion, by its authority granted in Wis. Stat. § 196.39(1). Modifications will be made to the Final Decision to include conditions relating to the double-circuiting of the existing 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, currently located on the south and west sides of Ms. Kunze's property with the proposed 345 kV Badger-Coulee transmission line that will be located on the east side

of her property, and to remove and bury the local distribution lines currently underbuilt on the existing 138 kV structures.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6690-SB-139 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Issue Secured Debt Securities Not to Exceed \$750,000,000 Principal Amount

The Commission modified and approved the Certificate of Authority and Order authorizing the request made on behalf of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for \$750,000,000 of long-term debt issuance on or before December 31, 2017, with no more than \$400,000,000 of long-term debt to be issued in any one calendar year.

The Commission determined that it would incorporate into the Certificate of Authority and Order Commission staff's recommendation that authorization of \$200,000,000 of the \$750,000,000 is contingent upon the Commission's issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Fox Unit 3, or the termination of the merger that was authorized in docket 9400-YO-100. Under this contingency, the applicant would also have the annual maximum issuance reduced to \$300,000,000 from \$400,000,000.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

6690-SB-140 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Issue and Have Outstanding Short-Term Indebtedness in Amounts Not to Exceed \$250,000,000

The Commission modified and approved the Certificate of Authority and Order authorizing the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for short-term borrowing until June 1, 2017, in amounts not to exceed \$250,000,000.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

5-GF-104 – Administration of the Universal Service Fund

Modification of the Universal Service Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 for the Lifeline Web Interface Project

The Commission approved a modification to the budget amount for the Lifeline Web Interface project as part of the operating budget for the Universal Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2015.

The Commission determined that it would increase the budget amount for this project, not to exceed \$800,000.

The Commission further determined that milestone meetings are to be established throughout the Lifeline Web Interface project. The Commission instructed staff to work closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and representatives of Deloitte (the contractor for the CARES Database work) to ensure that the milestones are being met throughout the process.

The Commission directed staff to report back to the Commission at regular intervals regarding the project and to bring any potential issues to its attention immediately.

The Commission further directed the Division of Business and Communications Services to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Huebsch moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

FERC Docket Nos. EL14-34-001, ER14-1242-002, ER14-1242-003, ER14-1243-002, ER14-1243-004, ER14-1243-005, ER14-1724-001, ER14-1724-002, ER14-1725-001, ER14-1725-002, ER14-2176-001, ER14-2176-002, ER14-2180-001, ER14-2180-002, ER14-2860-001, ER14-2862-001, ER14-2952-000, ER14-2952-001 – Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., SSR Cost Allocation Order-Related Compliance Filing

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to this item.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission